



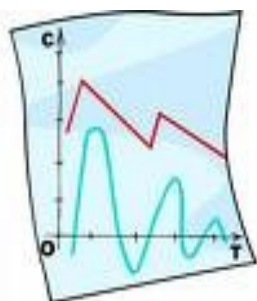
SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT AGENCY

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Prevention Data Update

Recently SAPTA was the recipient of Center for Substance Abuse Prevention funded technical assistance (TA) to evaluate the status of our prevention data efforts. A brief description of the TA was published in a subsequent newsletter (Winter Edition, 2009). Prior to and subsequent to the recommendations of the TA consultant, SAPTA prevention and data team staff have spent a considerable amount of time reviewing relevant data systems for functionality and environmental data management. We are considering all options in terms of quality data, user friendliness, and training needs. We must also consider the cost and time needed for system devel-

opment and implementation. Look for more news on this topic. As we progress, we will need coalition and prevention providers to help us address data issues, and to provide recommendations for future data collection and usage.



Reporting a Co-Occurring Diagnosis

A co-occurring diagnosis should be reported in the Clinician domain of the NHIPPS Assessment. There is a 'Comments' section at the bottom of the Clinician Assessment page. The purpose of this section is to record the criteria and evidence for the diagnosed disorder(s) according to the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*. This includes all substance disorders, if more than one, and any co-occurring disorders diagnosed as part of a comprehensive evaluation.

Electronic Training Media

We are in the final stages of electronic training media development for treatment providers. Testing is currently in progress and should be completed next week. Final edits will be completed prior to the project end date of 8/28/09. When we receive the finished product at SAPTA, we will copy and distribute CDs to treatment providers.

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Reports Database

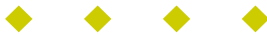
When last reported, the reports database project was in the final stages of securing funding. Since then, the database is up and running, and several Data Transformation Services (DTS) packages have been built for some of the critical NHIPPS tables such as grants, staff, progress notes, and treatment plans. A small group is working to develop some preliminary reports. If you would like to have input into this project, we encourage you to send a 'mockup' of your reporting needs. Questions, contact Margaret Dillon at 775-684-4190, or, mmdillon@sapta.nv.gov.

Help Desk

Problems Saving Edited Treatment Plan

Do you ever see a 'runtime error' message on your screen when trying to save an edited treatment plan?

Several system users have called in the last few weeks reporting problems saving treatment plan objectives or reviews. Please remember that you cannot use quotation marks, either single or double, in your text fields. Quotation marks are a control character in the system programming language. Consequently, when used in the text, NHIPPS misinterprets the character and expects a command associated with that character. When directly quoting a client, encase the statement in * * instead. This will eliminate any problems with saving records.



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Web Address

A reminder for all NHIPPS users: Please use the appropriate web address <https://prod.nhipps.dhhs.nv.gov/nhipps/frontpage.asp> to access the system. We often receive calls from users receiving 'certificate error' messages when attempting to log on. This is often because they are using the old IP address. If you are still using the old IP address, <https://167.154.9.44/nhipps/frontpage.asp> to log on, please delete it from your favorites, use the above URL to get to the NHIPPS log in page, refresh your browser, and save the URL to your favorites.

Purpose of Screening Record Recommendation

There is some confusion about the purpose of the 'Basis for Recommendation' field in the NHIPPS Screening record. Often, system users state a substance disorder diagnosis in this field. The purpose of the entire 'Referral Recommendation after Screening' section is to state whether a referral for assessment is needed and why. The 'Basis for Recommendation' field should consist of the justification as to why further evaluation is recommended based on information documented in the Screening record. A substance disorder diagnosis should be made only after the client has been assessed.

Questions or Comments?
Please email us at
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775-684-4190.

NHIPPS Clinical Contact List

We are in the process of updating our NHIPPS training contact list for all treatment clinicians. The list is used when notifying staff about upcoming NHIPPS trainings. We would appreciate your help with this. If you have any changes in clinical staff, please contact Darla Beers at 775-684-4190, or, dbeers@sapta.nv.gov.